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**Amendment to the Abstract**

On page 42 of the specification, amend the Abstract as follows:

**ABSTRACT**

~~The invention provides a~~ A method of diagnosing, prognosing, staging, and/or monitoring a mammalian amyloidogenic disorder or a predisposition thereto by detecting a protein or polypeptide aggregate in the cortical and/or supranuclear regions of an ocular lens of the mammal.